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PRIVATE-FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY FINAL DRAFT

July 25, 2022 • 1:00 PM—2:30 PM

Zoom Call

| Advisory Committee Members | Position | Affiliation | Present |
|----------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Darin Campbell, Chair | Taxi Company | Radio Cab | Yes |
| Abubakar Ahmed | Taxi Driver | Flat Cab | Yes |
| Nickole Cheron | City of Portland, ADA Title II and Disability Equity Manager | Office of Equity and Human Rights | Yes |
| Teresa Leatham | LPT Company | Executive Towncar | Yes |
| Dan Mark, Vice Chair | LPT Driver | Mark Car Service LLC | Yes |
| Jen Armbruster | Representative of People with Disabilities | Member-at-Large | No |
| Jemal Abdi | NEMT Company | JB Medical Transport, LLC | No |
| Ed Kelly | Shuttle Company | ecoShuttle | No |
| David Duncan | Tour Bus Company | Grey Line of Portland | No |
| Margo Moore | TriMet | TriMet—Accessible Transportation | Yes |
| April Murchinson | Technical Advisory Panel | Port of Portland | No |
| Guy Auker | TNC Driver | Lyft | Yes |
| Allison Ford | TNC Company | Uber | Yes |
| Carrie Mckowen | Ground Transportation Contracts Administrator | Port of Portland | Yes |
| Dan Lenzen | Riding Public | Dixie Tavern | Yes |
| Mark Williams | PBOT (non-voting member) | Regulatory Division Manager | Yes |
| Gabby Sanchez | PBOT | Regulatory Division, Office Support Specialist II | Yes |
| Dave Benson | PBOT | Group Director, Parking and Regulatory Services | No |
| Matthew Erickson | PBOT | PFHT Program Manager | Yes |
| Camerina Galván | Notetaker | Galván Consulting LLC | Yes |



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| Tracy M. Smith | Facilitator | Inhance LLC | Yes |
| Vacant | NEMT Driver | | N/A |
| Vacant | Limousine or Party Bus | | N/A |
| Vacant | Shuttle Driver | | N/A |
| Vacant | Tourism Industry | | N/A |
| Vacant | Pedicab Company | | N/A |

Other Attendees: Karyssa.

OPENING: DARIN CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- Darin Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- Mark welcomed the following nominees appointed by Portland City Council in June: Jen Armbruster, Guy Auker, Allison Ford, Dan Lenzen, and Dan Mark.

APPROVAL OF 03/28/2022 MEETING SUMMARY: DARIN CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- Approved: Final Draft May 23, 2022, Meeting Summary.

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS: CAMERINA GALVAN, NOTETAKER

- All action items were completed.

PFHT PROGRAM STAFF REPORT: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- Quorum:** Moving forward, the committee requires a quorum for all recommendations (Action Items).
- House Bill 2560:** In compliance with [House Bill 2560](#), PBOT has a remote location set up in the Portland Building with audiovisual technology to allow public members without internet access to participate in committee meetings.



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- **Learning Management System (LMS) Update:** All advisory committee members must complete the LMS training. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: DARIN CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- No public comment.

FEES AND FARES SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: DARIN CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- The Fees & Fares Subcommittee has met twice since reconvening on July 7, 2022, and will meet bimonthly. They've discussed the TNC driver survey, the survey results, and how to move forward. Committee members are invited to attend the meetings as observers.

ACTION ITEM: PROHIBIT WAV REFERRALS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- This item will require a change in the Portland City Code. It will prohibit a taxi company required to provide WAV services from automatically transferring calls or customers to another taxi company without the approval or prior consent of the taxi company and the customer.
- Guy Auker voiced his support for this action item.
- No public comment.
 - Approved: Motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: PROOF OF INSURANCE WITH PAPER AND ELECTRONIC COPY: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- This item will require a Portland City Code change to allow drivers to show an electronic or paper proof of insurance. Currently, the Department of Motor Vehicle accepts a digital copy of insurance.
- Guy Auker voiced his support for this action item.
- No public comment.
 - Approved: Motion passes unanimously.



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ACTION ITEM: REQUIREMENT FOR COMPANIES TO DECERTIFY DRIVERS: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- This item would require companies to decertify drivers once their contractual arrangement with the driver has terminated. Under this proposal, companies must notify PBOT that the driver is no longer operating for the taxi company.
- Guy Auker voiced his support for the action item. Darin Campbell shared taxi drivers have inconsistent work schedules, and others take long periods of leave. It will be challenging to decertify drivers.
- Mark Williams clarified that the company is liable if the driver continues to drive on behalf of the company after they have terminated their contract. The item would be a requirement when the company is specific; their contractual arrangement with the driver has ended.
- No Public Comment.
 - Approved: Motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: NO LONGER REQUIRE FIRST AID KIT AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER: MARK WILLIAMS, PBOT

- This item would remove the requirement for drivers to carry a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher in the vehicle. It is a barrier for drivers to purchase the equipment out of pocket and drivers call first responders when an incident occurs. Drivers can continue to carry a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher if they wish or according to company policy.
- Guy Auker, Teresa Leatham, and Darin Campbell voiced their opposition. Dan Mark voiced his support for this action item.
- No Public Comment.
 - Opposed: Motion fails. Darin Campbell, Margo Moore, Teresa Leatham, Guy Auker, and Dan Lenzen voted in opposition. Dan Mark, Abubakar Ahmed, and Allison Ford voted in favor. Nickole Cheron abstained from voting.
 - **Action Items:** Guy Auker will submit a Topic Submission to discuss making an amendment to the Portland City Code that specifies first aid kit and fire extinguisher size and type.

ACTION ITEM: TRADE DRESS AND PAINT SCHEME: DARIN CAMPBELL, CHAIR

- This item would require only taxi cabs to use permanently affixed trade dress and paint scheme. Trade dress refers to vehicle and taxi company identifiers.



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- The item would reduce the ability of drivers to work long hours with multiple taxis, shuttle, and TNC companies in a single day.
 - The item was amended to include shuttle vans.
 - **Action Item:** Mark Williams will review the Portland City Code for shuttles requirements. He will return the item to the committee if the trade dress and color scheme cannot be added to this revision.
 - Mark Williams clarified there is no restriction preventing a taxi driver from delivering food in a company vehicle. No other jurisdiction in the country has mixed-color taxi vehicles primarily for rider safety and to avoid rider confusion when hailing a ride. Portland City Code prevents a driver from working over 12 hours in 24 hours, but it cannot be tracked.
 - Before the permit is released, every taxi will be inspected to check decals, equipment, and trade dress. Mark Williams added that with the prior regulation, no two taxi companies could have the same scheme.
 - Dan Mark voiced his support for the item. Abubakar Ahmed voiced his opposition. Guy Auker voiced his support but didn't believe it was a complete solution for preventing drivers from working long hours. Dan Lenzen agreed trade dress increases safety for riders. Nickole Cheron shared that measures need to be implemented to prevent the item from being changed again in the future.
 - No public comment.
 - Approved: Motion passes unanimously.

TOPIC SUBMISSION: DRIVING FOR MULTIPLE COMPANIES/PLATFORMS: DAN MARK, VICE CHAIR

- This item would prevent drivers from driving for more than one company or platform.
 - Approved: Motion to consider the item was approved. Darin Campbell, Margo Moore, Teresa Leatham, Guy Auker, Dan Lenzen, Dan Mark, Abubakar Ahmed, and Nickole Cheron voted in favor. Allison Ford voted in opposition.

CHAIR ADJOURNED THE BUSINESS MEETING AT 2:17 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2022, from 1:00 pm—2:30 pm

Submitted by Camerina Galván, Notetaker, Galván Consulting LLC